



For more information & what You can do to Save Wild Florida Panthers Visit floridapanther.org !

March 8, Thurs "The Cause for Paws" Benefit 11:20 am Luncheon and 5:30 pm

Sponsors include London Bay Homes, Congress Jewelers, Germaine Lexus of Naples, Naples Illustrated magazine, The "Wings of Hope" Program, Woodward, Pires, & Lombardo, PA, and the Friends of Florida Panther Refuge.

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March 10, Sat "Cycling Bear Island Grade" RSVP 9am - Noon

Bicycle the Big Cypress National Preserve & learn about Panthers from Rangers.

March 10, Sat "Marco Island's Community Conservation Celebration" 10 – 4 pm

Visit the exciting event at Mackle Park. The National Wildlife Federation will have two workshops to explain what steps you can take to support Florida Panthers.

March 11, Sun "Save the Panther Week Kick-off" at the Naples Zoo 9:30 – 4pm

Spend a fun day at the zoo with educational exhibits, ask questions to a Panther Team Biologist and enjoy kids activities like face painting! Organizations that are uniting to protect the Panther, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge, Picayune State Forest, FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Defenders of Wildlife, The National Wildlife Federation, and more!

March 13, Tues "Discovery Club hosts a Panther Presentation" 3:30 to 5 pm

Children from ages 7 – 11 can join this special "Panther treasure hunt" on the Naples Preserve. Sign up *now*! 261-4290 or email PreserveCaptains@aol.com

March 14, Wed "Swamp Walk at the Fakahatchee, with Mike Owen" 10 – 2pm

Explore the mysterious "Amazon of Southwest Florida" with the knowledgeable biologist. A dynamic speaker who shares his passion for Orchids and the history of the Fakahatchee, Mike will open your senses to a whole new world! RSVP, from March 5.

March 17, Sat "Be Green on St. Patty's Day" 8 - Noon

EARN A GREEN HEART by sharing the festive day with your family, while exploring the Panther Refuge from a swamp buggy or walking the trails learning about birds, orchids, and of course, looking for the wild panther! You'll be able to learn more about what YOU can do as an individual to help save the panther and its habitat. Representatives from organizations like will be there as we offer educational information, tours, and fun kids activities! RSVP, from March 5.

To celebrate "Save the Florida Panther" Day, the Refuge will hold a morning open house on St. Patrick's Saturday, March 17. Be "Green" by learning about this interesting and important natural area. Outdoor activities include swamp buggy tours, a bird & native plant walks, orchid tours and a photography workshop lead by Larry Richardson. A dedication ceremony for a new observation platform sponsored by the Duncan Memorial Fund, Safari Club International, and by the Friends of Florida Panther Refuge.



The Panther is an Umbrella Species; when we protect the Panther, we protect all our neighbors! Credit: Steve Carroll

Space is limited. Sign up for tours by calling

239/353-8442 x 233

Starting March 5, Monday, Noon

We will ask for your name, phone number and email address so we can send directions or tour updates.

